

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Patrick J. O'Donnell
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Filed	:	April 24, 2000
For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISLODGING INSECTS FROM PLANTS
Examiner	:	A. Valenti
Group Art Unit	:	3643

DECLARATION OF PATRICK O'DONNELL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I, Patrick O'Donnell, hereby declare that:

1. I believe that I am the original and sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-captioned application.
2. I currently market a method and apparatus for dislodging insects from plants under the trade name "THE BUG BLASTER™". The Bug Blaster™ method and apparatus provides a hand held spraying apparatus having a handle, an elongate body portion, and a nozzle portion at a distal end of the body portion. The nozzle portion has a longitudinal axis and is adapted to direct water flow outwardly around the circumference of the nozzle axis. The apparatus is configured so that moving the handle correspondingly moves the nozzle portion. Users are taught to connect the spraying apparatus to a source of pressurized water, position the nozzle adjacent an underside of a plant leaf so that a portion of the water directed by the nozzle impacts the leaf underside and the longitudinal axis of the nozzle is generally horizontally disposed at a first elevation, and advancing and retracting the nozzle generally horizontally so that a flow of water impacts the leaf underside along its length. Users are further taught to rotate the apparatus at least about 90° so

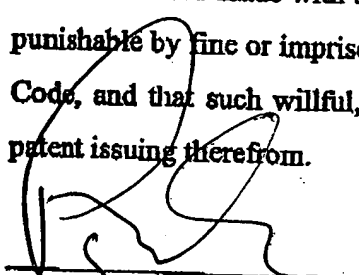
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that the longitudinal axis of the nozzle is moved to a second elevation but remains generally horizontally disposed during rotation, and advance and retract the nozzle generally horizontally at the second elevation. A copy of instructional materials showing The Bug Blaster™ method and apparatus is attached as Exhibit A.

3. I recently enrolled in a Test Program with the National Gardening Club to test The Bug Blaster™. On information and belief, the National Gardening Club includes Members that are highly motivated gardeners. As part of the Test Program, I supplied several Club Members with The Bug Blaster™ method and apparatus. The Club Members used and evaluated The Bug Blaster™. Copies of several evaluation forms are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

4. I submitted to the Test Program with the understanding that if the Club Member evaluations were positive, The Bug Blaster™ method and apparatus would become a recommended product of The National Gardening Club, and the Test Program results would be published in the Club's periodical, "Gardening How-to". In fact, the Test Program results were published in the March/April 2003 issue of "Gardening How-to" (copy attached as Exhibit C), and The Bug Blaster™ has become a recommended product of the Club as a result of the Test Program.

5. I declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing therefrom.


Patrick O'Donnell

Date: 11-8-03

2003 DECLARATION

EXHIBIT A

Patent Pending Method and Nozzle



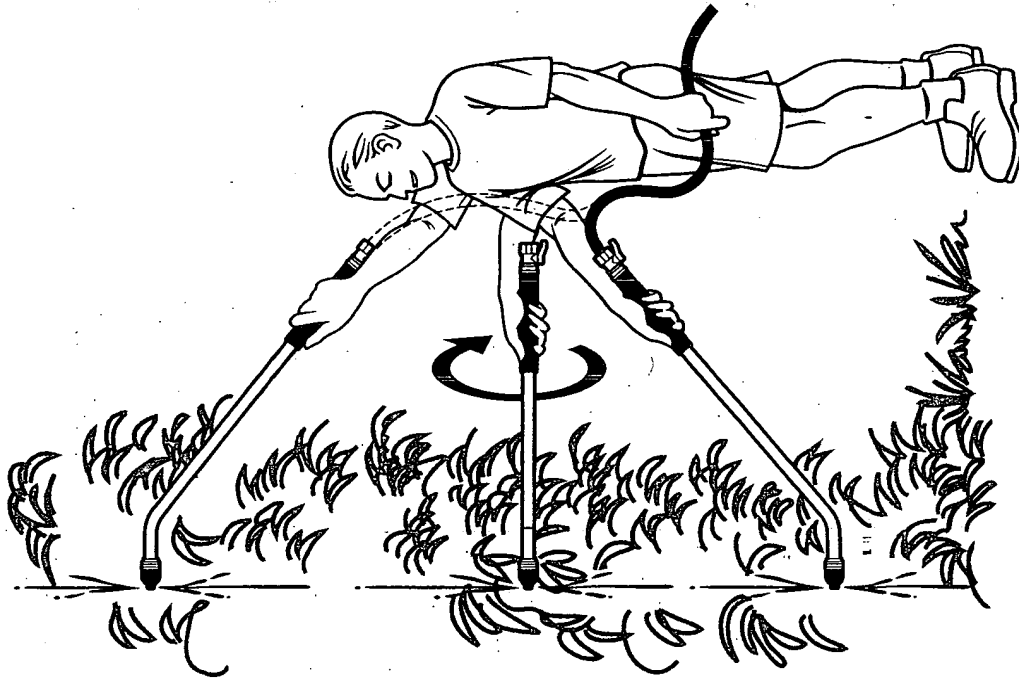
360 Degree Wall of Water

High Quality Ease of Use

The Bug Blaster is 100% environmentally safe and user-friendly. For those who refuse to use pesticides because they present a potential risk to children, pets and even to the plants they are supposedly protecting, **The Bug Blaster** offers gardeners an inexpensive option.

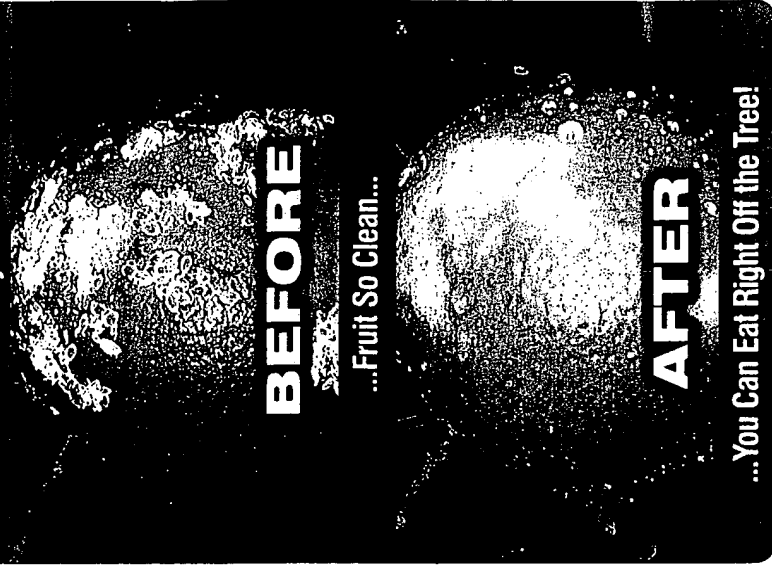
"After only one application, the Bug Blaster devastates the pests life cycle from egg to adult," explains **Bug Blaster** inventor Patrick O'Donnell, a licensed landscape contractor. "With only a few additional treatments, plants regain complete health," he adds.

The key to the **The Bug Blaster's** superior performance to any other spraying tool is it's ability to work at the surface and into the center of your plants at any height hitting the underside of the leaves.



To reach over-head areas simply rotate & lift from the ground up

100% Environmentally Safe Insect Control



...You Can Eat Right Off the Tree!

For delicate plants, restrict the flow; for hardy plants or heavy infestation, just blast away! **The Bug Blaster** will annihilate only soft-bodied bugs. Strong environmentally helpful bugs such as ladybugs remain unharmed.

Gardeners can maintain attractive yards and healthy gardens while solving their whitefly problem. **The Bug Blaster** also works equally well on aphids, mealy bugs, spider mites and more. It also rejuvenates and cleans both indoor and outdoor plants of sooty mold, dust, dirt, spider webs and old or unhealthy leaves which interfere with photosynthesis.

Just wave the Bug Blaster wand and create magic in your garden!

2003 DECLARATION

EXHIBIT B

Member Name: Edward M Jensen

Member Number: 80827711

Product tested: Bug Blaster

Completely blacken the circle indicating your choice (LIKE THIS → ●)

Would you recommend the product to fellow Club members? ● Yes ○ No

The suggested retail price is \$24.95 (30")

At this price, do you feel this product is a good value? ● Yes ○ No

Please rate the product tested on the criteria listed below. Due to the diversity of products in the test program, some of the criteria may not be applicable. In such cases, please select the "N/A" circle. **COMPLETELY BLACKEN THE CIRCLE INDICATING YOUR CHOICE.**

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Ease of Use	○	○	●	○	○
Clarity of Instructions	○	○	○	●	○
Design	○	○	●	○	○
Performance	○	○	○	●	○
Durability	○	○	○	●	○
Rated against similar products	○	○	○	○	●
Germination/Growth	○	○	○	○	●
Bloom or vegetable production	○	○	○	○	●
Appearance	○	○	○	●	○
Effectiveness	○	○	○	●	○
Overall Rating	○	○	○	●	○

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The Bug Blaster is easy to use all instructions advise spray bottom of the leaves. This is so easy with the Bug Blaster and so effective. Most instructions for aphids is spray with hose yell Bug Blaster does a better job. I have 21 roses bushes using Bug Blaster it only took a few minutes per bush so easy.

Best feature(s): *Ease of handling, light weight*

Suggested Improvement(s): *maybe a little longer?*

Additional Comments

Construction work across the road dust and dirt was no problem with Bug Blaster, Thank you

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Member Name: NIGEL ANDREW

Member Number: 70015237

Product tested: Bug Blaster

Completely blacken the circle indicating your choice (LIKE THIS → ●)

Would you recommend the product to fellow Club members? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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The Bug Blaster is the best! I can blast away the garden pests without harming the plants + without using pesticides. Very effective I would recommend it to all my fellow Club members.

Best feature(s): *long handle to get the hard to reach places*

Suggested Improvement(s): *None! Its perfect*

Additional Comments

Thanks for choosing me to test this product

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Member Name: Herta L. Isfeld

Member Number: 70043504

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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The Bug Blaster is another great tool for my Garden and Orchard. we live in a very dusty Place and since the water spray goes under and over the plants and small trees. I have a healthier and cleaner Garden. Thank you for the Bug blaster

Best feature(s): *the spraying ability*

Suggested Improvement(s): *none*

Additional Comments

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Member Name: MS Kathy, Steuernagel

Member Number: 80748304

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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If Really Works. I had such trouble
with aphids before using this. Now no
pesticide needed

Best feature(s): Fits my small hand

Suggested Improvement(s): of

Additional Comments Thank you!

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Member Name: TAMI SCHNETZ

Member Number: 81141698

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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Would definitely recommend. Used on my crepe
myrtle trees with aphid problem. Didn't need
to use any chemicals and it worked.

Best feature(s): water pressure design strong enough to "blast"
bugs but doesn't damage foliage

Suggested Improvement(s):

none

Additional Comments

great garden tool addition

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Member Name: Linda Wright

Member Number: 80037362

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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I have a 100% organic garden which prospers, but it always
seems the aphids will zero in on one or two areas. The regular
base end sprayer doesn't quite do the trick, but this blaster
really sent those aphids flying. (The birds had a feast too!)

Best feature(s): totally organic pest control

Suggested Improvement(s): maybe a shield near the handle to
keep the user dry

Additional Comments

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Member Name: DARLE E LUKKA

Member Number: 70001955

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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As soon as I received the Bug Blaster, I put it to work. I had been fighting an infestation of aphids on my cucumber plants. I used the Bug Blaster on the cucumber plants a few times & my aphid problem is gone. The Bug Blaster is very easy to use & doesn't damage the foliage & no chemicals.

Best feature(s): The best feature is the water flow valve.

Suggested Improvement(s):

Additional Comments

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Member Name: Ronald Winkler

Member Number: 70007469

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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BUG BLASTER WORKS FAR BETTER THAN USING THE GARDEN HOSE METHOD ALONE - THE WATER JET DESIGN REALLY DOES A GREAT JOB IN THE VEGGIE GARDEN & THE ROSE GARDEN WHERE APHIDS ATTACKED THIS YEAR'S CUCUMBERS & HALF OF MY PRIZE ROSES - I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE BUG BLASTER GET WHITEFLIES OUT OF THE GLASS ARBOR !!

Best feature(s): WATER JET DESIGN & WATER TURN-OFF ATTACHMENT LEVER

Suggested Improvement(s): A SLIGHT BEND IN THE PIPE NEAR THE HOSE CONNECTION MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO GET IN AND OUT OF HARD-TO-REACH PLACES, ESPECIALLY IF THE ANGLE COULD BE ADJUSTED.

Additional Comments: DID NOT WORK ON THE WILLOW - THOSE SKINNY LEAVES JUST WHIRLED AROUND WHEN THE WATER JET HIT. NOT SURE HOW DIAGRAM SHOWING WRIST

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MEANT I SHOULD BE DOING... I THINK IT COULD BE A LITTLE CLEARER

Member Name: Margalita King

Member Number: 70004972

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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My area (Southern Calif.) has a heavy infestation of white flies; anybody who has to deal with this curse, know how difficult it is to get rid of them. I have now been using my "Bug Blaster" on my 8ft. tall, heavily infested hibiscus, for fifty consecutive days and ... almost nearly a pesky white fly to be found!!
Thank you, Bug Blaster!

Best feature(s): Ease of use

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments

Anybody who would like to use an organic method to eradicate garden pests should seriously consider "Bug Blaster" -

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Member Name: JACQUE MUNROE

Member Number: 70036220

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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Ease of Use	○	○	●	○	○
Clarity of Instructions	○	○	○	●	○
Design	○	○	●	○	○
Performance	○	○	●	○	○
Durability	○	○	●	○	○
Rated against similar products	○	○	○	○	●
Germination/Growth	○	○	○	○	●
Bloom or vegetable production	○	○	○	○	●
Appearance	○	○	○	●	○
Effectiveness	○	○	●	○	○
Overall Rating	○	○	●	○	

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This is an excellent alternative to chemical means of getting rid of bugs. And cleans well too. I've hesitated to using chemicals so have put up with the bugs. Glad now to have an effective method of being rid of them. My only complaint would be about getting drenched in the process. But in the summer that's refreshing. Got rain gear?

Best feature(s): Hand grip for easy holding, on/off value

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments

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Member Name: Bev J Bolduc-Aldridge

Member Number: 70034412

Product tested: Bug Blaster

Completely blacken the circle indicating your choice (LIKE THIS → ●)

Would you recommend the product to fellow Club members? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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At this price, do you feel this product is a good value? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Rated against similar products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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I used the Bug Blaster on my Hybiscus to remove Aphids and within 2 weeks
of testing the Bug Blaster the aphids were gone and it didn't seem to
harm the plant or the praying mantises, who are now looking for
other food.

Best feature(s): The Bug Blaster cleared the dead blossom from inside
the plant without me having to reach way in.

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments

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Member Name: Patricia K Rice

Member Number: 70057991

Product tested: Bug Blaster

Completely blacken the circle indicating your choice (LIKE THIS → ●)

Would you recommend the product to fellow Club members? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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At this price, do you feel this product is a good value? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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WOW! THIS IS GREAT! NOW I CAN BLAST THOSE BAD
BUGS ON THE BACK OF THE LEAVES WITHOUT GOING
THROUGH ALL THE CONTORTION TRYING TO REACH THEM
WITH AN ORDINARY STREAM NOZZEL. SURE MAKES
IT EASIER ON THIS OLD BACK.

Best feature(s): EASY GRIP & MANUEVABILITY

Suggested Improvement(s): DIFFERENT COLORS? VARIOUS
LENGTHS, SHORTER & LONGER.

Additional Comments

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Member Name: MRS Norma J Parry

Member Number: 80673397

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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I could hardly wait for the Bug Blaster. It sure changed the leaves and dirt away. There are no insects or weeds on the leaves. I worked the bug blaster in and out of my shrubs. The shrubs are a nice green and shiny.

Best feature(s): *Easy to use*

Suggested Improvement(s): *none*

Additional Comments

I'm so glad to have one, I even want next door to do my neighbors, she wants one.

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Member Name: Derry Jwell

Member Number: 70052476

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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I used the Bug Blaster to rid my Lilies of aphids and ants that tend them. Used it several times to keep both under control. First time I used Bug Blaster I sprayed myself till I got used to rotate and raised the wand.

Best feature(s): Able to reach the lilies in back

Suggested Improvement(s): Choice of trigger or lever would be handy.

Additional Comments

When used as recommended the Bug Blaster is very effective.

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Member Name: THOMAS KARWIN

Member Number: 80722195

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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THIS IS AN EXCELLENT SPECIAL-PURPOSE TOOL
THAT GARDENERS NEED AND WILL USE. THE UNUSUAL
SPRAY PATTERN REQUIRES A BIT OF PRACTICE
(OR A RAINCOAT), BUT IT'S JUST WHAT IS
NEEDED FOR BLASTING BUGS.

Best feature(s): QUALITY CONSTRUCTION

Suggested Improvement(s): _____

Additional Comments

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Member Name: Mrs Ivy Porter

Member Number: 80930640

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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THE BEST PART IS THE CONVENIENT EASE OF USE.
CLEANS THE UNDERSIDE OF SEVERAL SIZED TREES &
BUSHES THAT I WAS GETTING WHITE FLIES ON. AFTER
3 DOSES WITH THE BUG BLASTER THEY HAVE RETURNED
AS OF YET.
SO MUCH HEALTHIER AND BETTER THAN USING INSECTICIDES ^{NOT}

Best feature(s): FOAM GRIP IS SO COMFORTABLE TO HOLD

Suggested Improvement(s): LOWER PRICE

Additional Comments

I LOVE THE BRIGHT GREEN COLOR

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Member Name: MS NANCY VANDERMEY

Member Number: 70098546

Product tested: Bug Blaster

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I've had a bad whitefly problem this summer and tried safer soap, horticultural oil, and this product. This was by far the funnest and clearest and least toxic, and worked as well as the other products.

Best feature(s): non toxic

Suggested Improvement(s): -

Additional Comments

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BUG SPRAYER

The Bug Blaster garden sprayer attaches to your garden hose and helps control all types of insects. The nozzle creates a 360-degree wall of water to blast pests from the tops and bottoms of leaves and clear off sooty mold and dirt. It comes in two sizes or a conversion kit. Bug Blaster, 949-493-3310, www.theBugBlaster.com. \$24.95 for a 30-inch wand.



TESTER RATINGS

Ease of Use	7.4
Clarity of Instructions	7.8
Effectiveness	7.2
Overall Rating	7.2

Rick Jennings, Fortuna, CA

"It was excellent for washing bugs off my roses and other plants. Its length made it easy to water both my hanging and low-growing plants."

Muriel Rolandson, Highland, CA "I used it on roses and hibiscuses to eliminate aphids. It was effective without using pesticides and it didn't hurt the flower buds. Great for cleaning leaves too!"

PLANT FOOD

Miracle-Gro Shake 'n Feed Plant Food is a whole new way to feed your plants. Apply this timed-release plant food directly to the soil using the applicator package. Provides constant nutrition to your garden for up to three months. Scotts Miracle-Gro Products, Inc., 800-645-8166, www.miracle-gro.com. \$9.99 for 4½ lbs.



TESTER RATINGS

Clarity of Instructions	8.7
Ease of Use	9.1
Performance	8.4
Overall Rating	8.4

Kathy Wilcox, Hudson, FL "The container was easy to use, mess free, and refillable. I could control exactly where and how much of the product was delivered. The formula didn't burn my plants, and it was easy to rake into the mulch around my plants."

Deborah Earles, Spring Valley, CA "I tried it on a plant that didn't seem to be growing. Within a week it had 3-inch-tall leaf stalks. The blooms in the rest of my garden were also much larger and healthier than last year."

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Butterfly Garden is a seeded rollout mat that contains 20 different varieties of annual and perennial wildflowers for sunny spots. The varieties bloom at different times and provide color all summer. Creative Garden Concepts, 888-246-6287, www.creativegardenconcepts.com. \$10.99.



TESTER RATINGS

Clarity of Instructions	8.6
Germination	5.7
Bloom Production	5.9
Overall Rating	6.1

Deborah Lapicola, East Troy, WI

"The butterfly garden was great. The instructions were clear and it was easy to use. Plants germinated quickly and the flowers were beautiful, fragrant, and hardy."

Linda Eddy, Fruitvale, TX "The mat was fast and easy to use. It is versatile—I just cut it to fit my flower bed. The plants were healthy and produced great blooms. The hummingbirds liked it, too!"

ANT KILLER

Terro Outdoor Ant Killer kills ants and other crawling insects before they move indoors. Shake the granules along the perimeter of your home to create a protective barrier, use it as a spot treatment on anthills, spread it where ants enter buildings, or apply it to new anthills. Senoret Chemical Co., store locator at www.terro.com. \$6.99 for 3-lb. bag.

T. Blanchard, Jefferson City, MO "I had a continual problem with ants along my driveway. After only one application, the ants disappeared. I also applied it near my sliding glass doors where ants come in every year. This year, no ants!"

Shirley Williams, Waupun, WI "My yard was covered with anthills. After using this product, there were none. It was easy to use, and I liked the design of the shaker bag."



TESTER RATINGS

Clarity of Instructions	9.0
Ease of Use	8.9
Effectiveness	7.9
Overall Rating	7.9

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XI. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

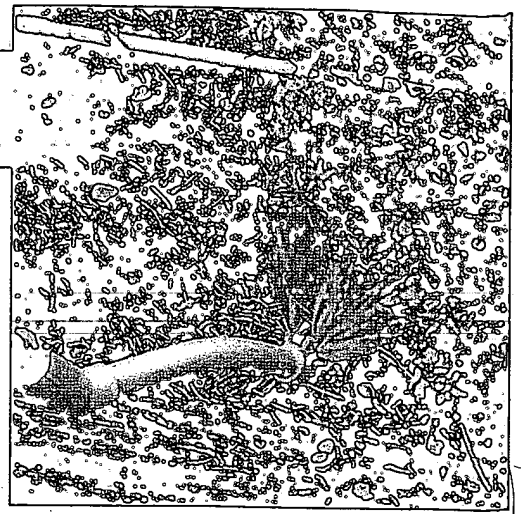
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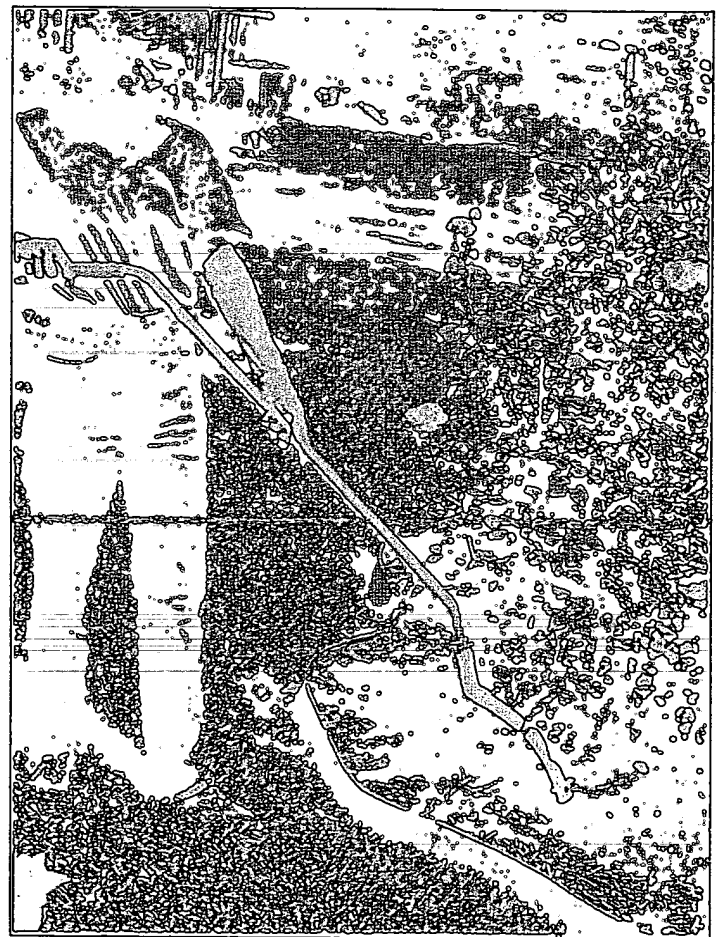
Jet-All

The Jet-All is a necessity for the serious rose grower and the Organic gardener.

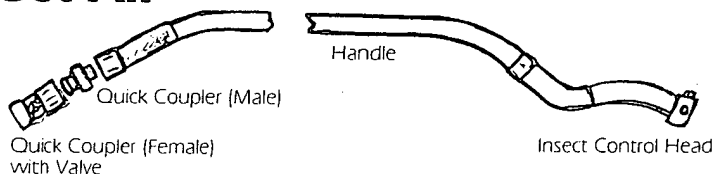
The Jet-All has a head designed to aid rose growers in the control of insects and spider mites. This unit has three jets positioned on a curved head to permit spraying under the leaves of



miniature roses as well as the taller varieties without spray back on the user. The handle has a control valve to establish the desired pressure and a quick coupler for ease of use.



Jet-All



Use handy order blank on reverse side today!

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